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SUBJ: PROPERTIES FOR CONGEN KIEV

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1. MFA OFFICIALS MAY 27 INFORMED EMBASSY THAT KIEV AUTHORITIES NOW READY TO SHOW US THREE OR FOUR APARTMENTS, TWO MORE BUILDINGS FOR POSSIBLE CONGEN OFFICE, AND ONE MORE OPTION FOR RESIDENCE. SOVIET COUSUL GENERAL-DESIGNATE FOR NEW YORK NYSHKOV, HERE ON TDY TO MFA, CALLED IN POLITICAL COUNSELOR TO GIVE HIS THESE LATEST KIEV BUILDING PROPOSALS AND DISCUSS NEXT STEPS IN PLANNING FOR OPENINGS TWO CONGENS.

2. MYSHKOV STATED HE HAD PERSONALLY TRAVELLED TO KIEV TO SEE BUILDINGS AND CONSULT WITH KIEV OFFICIALS. HE TOOK POSITION THAT NEW BUILDINGS TO BE SHOWN, COMBINED WITH PREVIOUS GROUP STILL AVAILABLE, WOULD GIVE ADEQUATE SELECTION AS BASIS FOR FINAL CHOICE. HE SAID KIEV AUTHORITIES AT "SUFFICIENTLY HIGH LEVEL" HAD GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT VACATING OF BUILDING CHOSEN AND REMODELING WORK WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. FURTHERMORE, HE ADDED, OFFICE SPACE IN HOTEL INTOURIST AND APARTMENTS WOULD BE PROVIDED TO ENABLE CONGEN OPEN FOR BUSINESS AS SOON AS REMODELING STARTS.

3. REFERRING TO BUILDING SOVIETS HAVE CHOSEN IN NEW YORK,
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MYSHKOV APPEALED FOR RAPID US ACTION ON KIEV CHOICE AND

REMODELING PLANS. HE NOTED THAT SOVIET OPTION TO BUY IN NEW YORK EXPIRED ABOUT MAY 26 AND STRESSED GREAT DIFFICULTY SOVIETS WILL FACE IF THIS PARTICULAR BUILDING IS SOLD TO OTHERS. IN VIEW OF MFA HELP BEING GIVEN ON KIEV QUESTION, HE POINTEDLY EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SOVIETS COULD COUNT ON DEPARTMENT'S SUPPORT AND APPROVAL FOR NEW YORK PURCHASE WITHIN WEEK OR TEN DAYS AFTER NYSHKOV'S RETURN TO WASHINGTON MAY 31.

4. POLITICAL COUNSELOR RESPONDED THAT SUITABILITY OF KIEV BUILDINGS REMAINED NUB OF PROBLEM AND EMBASSY WOULD SEND TEAM DOWN IN NEAR FUTURE, PROBABLY MONDAY JUNE 2. IN ANSWER TO PARTING QUERY FROM MYSHKOV ABOUT STATUS OF CONSULAR DISTRICT NEGOTIATIONS, POLITICAL COUNSELOR SAID OUR POSITION REMAINED AS STATED EARLIER BY DEPARTMENT. MYSHKOV WINCED AND SAID IT WOULD BE "BAB" IF WE CONTINUED TO EXCLUDE MASSACHUSETTS AS TRADE OFF FOR MOLDAVIA.

5. EMBASSY SCHEDULING KIEV VISIT JUNE 2/3 AND WILL REPORT FURTHER ON COMPLETION SITE SURVEY.
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